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A Dangerous Doctrine.

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That an angry, jealous man has the right to take the life of his rival is a dangerous doctrine; dangerous to civil society, for it substitutes personal revenge for courts of justice. The doctrine is not that of self defense, but of personal vengeance for a real or fancied injury. If one man has that right—the right to be accuser, judge and executioner—then it follows that all men, having a grievance to avenge, have precisely the same right. And, if this be so, then a well ordered civil society can not exist. Anarchy takes its place.

And yet, ever since the young wife of Thaw disclosed the hideous vices of murdered Stanford White, many men have given it as their judgment that the killing of White was a justifiable homicide—that the jealous man exercised his natural right in killing his rival. This judgment may be somewhat modified by the hideous revelations brought out in the cross-examination of the young wife; but still men, even good men, persist in saying that Thaw committed no wrong when he shot his wicked rival.

The defense in the case is not exactly that; but temporary insanity superinduced by a terrible provocation. The man, they claim, was driven to uncontrollable anger by the story of the young woman, who afterwards became his wife. The court and jury may so decide. We are not finding fault with what the court and jury may decide. Our criticism is anent the popular opinion that one bad man has the right to execute personal vengeance upon his enemy. Allow this, and you virtually undermine civil administration of law. You favor anarchy.

The right of self defense is entirely different from the right of personal vengeance. If a man is obviously in danger of his life at the hand of an enemy or a madman, he has the right to defend himself, and if need be, to take the life of his assailant. Rather than be killed, kill. No court will condemn one for this.

In the case now pending Thaw stood in no danger of his life. His rival was sitting quietly at a table when the angry man stepped up, took a good aim, and deliberately shot his victim, killing him instantly. There was no self defense there.

It is claimed that the murdered man had, some time before, made threats. Perhaps he did, and probably Thaw had made threats also. Angry men often do such things, and perhaps without a serious intention to put their threats in execution. Be that as it may, at the time of the shooting the murdered man was not menacing his rival.

The defense know this, and hence they seek acquittal on the plea of temporary insanity. The young wife's awful tale was intended to show that the provocation to insanity was very great.

We feel very sorry for the young wife. Her life was spent in the midst of terrible temptations. Her environment was bad and proved disastrous. She was more sinned against than sinning; but still was a sinning girl. The men whom she trusted and by whom she was helped in money matters, proved wicked self seekers. One is dead, and the

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Resolutions of Respect.

Once more the grim messenger of death has visited our ranks and claimed for its victim our worthy brother, Theodore Byers, member of K. of P. 628, Castine, Ohio. He has always been a highly esteemed brother and was true to the principles of the order. In his death the members of Castine lodge realize they have lost a very worthy brother and our community a highly respected and honored citizen. Our worthy brother filled all the places of honor in our order and at the time of his death was Past Chancellor; therefore be it

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow, a copy to the mother, also be spread upon the minutes of our lodge and published in two of the county papers.

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Otterbein.

Gusta and Emmett Howell spent Sunday with George Trump and family.

Ezra Slifer and wife spent last Sunday with his mother.

Charles Hoff and wife spent Sunday with Perry Niswonger and family.

John Gilfilan and family spent Sunday with his mother at Castine.

Mrs. Joe Shumaker is still very low at this writing.

Misses Hazel and Versie Slifer spent Sunday afternoon with Orlando Shumaker and family.

Glen Pearce and Hershel Niswonger spent Sunday with Lewis Slifer and wife.

John Ozias spent Saturday with Mrs. Ozias' mother at West Alexandria.

Miss Viola Hetzler, Harry and

Garnett Hoff visited at Dora Henderson's last Sunday.

Miss Lillie McFarland of Clark Station and Mrs. Minnie Slifer spent Tuesday with T. L. Howell and family.

Messrs. Glen and Diller Howell, Charley Snyder, Ralph and Clarence Snyder and Rosco Roberts spent Sunday afternoon with Samuel Grubbs and family.

Wesley Hemp is confined to his bed with the la grippe and is no better at this writing; his wife is also complaining with the same ailment.

Wm. Randall of Eldorado was buried at this place Monday afternoon. He was more than 90 years old.

Opal Collins, daughter of Wm. Collins and wife, is very sick with spinal meningitis.

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Cosmos.

A smoke-house belonging to Daniel Gettinger burned on last Friday. Besides the loss of the building Mr. Gettinger lost a considerable quantity of meat and other articles.

Daniel Caupp, Jr., moved into Mrs. Lydia Good's property on Monday.

C. C. Miller's team ran away Thursday, causing considerable excitement, but not much damage.

Mrs. Lydia Good moved to Salem, Ohio, Tuesday.

Henry Baker of Palestine, O., spent Sunday in this vicinity.

A large crowd attended literary Friday evening. The program consisted of a debate between the Ohio and Indiana ladies. The decision was given to the Indians.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Once again it looks as though the president had won from the Senate. There is fair prospect now that the Santo Domingo treaty will go through before the end of the session. This will mean a great victory for the Administration, but it will be bitterly lamented by the Santo Domingo lobby that has made its headquarters in Washington and used every means to defeat the treaty, even down to buying paid advertising space in the papers to run cartoons against the measure. There is something to be said on both sides of the treaty question. It will be a good measure for the United States if it keeps the little republic quiet and prevents European interference, which is one of the things this country particularly does not want. On the other hand, the opponents of the treaty in the person of the local lobbyists, say that it means giving the island over to negro domination with a fixed government that cannot be overthrown except by whipping the United States navy, which is of course out of the question. The white planters of the island have sent one of their number to Washington, a wealthy man who is heading the fight against the treaty. He declares in pathetic tones that if the treaty is passed that it will allow the negro officials to double the internal taxes all over the island, which they promptly will do and that the sugar and other plantations will be taxed out of existence. There is more even than that behind his prediction, for he declares that if the natives find they cannot hold an election or a revolution (the terms being synonymous) whenever they wish, they will resort to poison and the knife, and the passage of the treaty will sign the death warrant of every politician in power. Those are the two sides. You can take either prediction you prefer. But the prospects are just now that the treaty will go through.

There is always more active lobbying toward the end of a session than at any other time. One of the other lobbies that is now particularly active is that against the Burkett bill to lease the grazing lands of the west. This is another Administration measure, and has been framed to prevent grabbing and fencing the public lands in the cattle country to the exclusion of the small cattle owner. It was introduced by Burkett but practically drawn by the president and chief forester, Gifford Pinchot, both of whom are personally in touch with the situation. The scheme is to place the control of all the grazing lands under the Department of Agriculture, and have the Secretary apportion the leases, giving preference to the smaller cattle owners and re-

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stricting the number of cattle that may be grazed on a given piece of government land. This would do away with illegal fencing, prevent the domination of the public range by a few big cattle interests, and would do much to end the bloody and ceaseless war between the sheep men and the cattle men. All the forces of the cattle owners from the immense ranches are joined in opposition to the bill, and it looks now as though it would be defeated for the present session. But the end of the fight is not yet, and the measure will be introduced again as soon as Congress assembles and probably will be fought to a successful conclusion.

There was some queer underground maneuvering last week in the matter of the title of the Northern Pacific to about 40,000,000 acres of land in the northwest. This had been watched by many familiar with the railroad situation, and there were the elements of a big sensation therein concealed. It was thought that the end of the week would see the denouement, but it did not. The facts were set out recently in a resolution introduced by Senator Heyburn, calling for a committee to investigate the status of the Northern Pacific and see if there was any reason why the charter should not be repealed. The resolution stated that the Northern Pacific was granted under an act of Congress in 1864. The grant carried with it a land grant to 40,000,000 acres of land along the line of the road, as was customary at that time in chartering transcontinental roads. After the granting of the charter there were a number of reorganizations and transfers, ending finally in 1896 by the reorganization and transfer of the railroad under the management of a syndicate managed by J. P. Morgan & Co. Finally the status of the Northern Pacific was juggled into such a shape that it was no longer a federal corporation but a corporation of the state of Wisconsin. However, it inadvertently carried the 40,000,000 acres of public land along with it, and has them still what it has not sold to settlers. There is a long personal story back of the introduction of this resolution in which E. H. Harriman figures,

but the point was that after it was introduced into the committee on Pacific Railroads, the committee set Friday for a hearing and representatives of the minority stockholders of the road who claimed that they had been cheated of their rights in the reorganization were to appear with Senator Heyburn and tell their story preparatory to having a senatorial investigating committee appointed. But when the day came, Senator Heyburn did not show up at the committee. The witnesses were all here, but the resolution is now dead for the session, and there is a serious question whether it ever will be called up again. Query: why was Senator Heyburn absent?

The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration, seems to be between 50 and 60; the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged; carelessness then being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by Wm. Kipp's Sons druggists. 50c.

Gettysburg.

The fifth and last lecture of our High School course by Prof. J. G. Scorer will be given on next Friday evening at our Armory hall. This will have a large admixture of humor, and those who may be so unfortunate as not to be there will miss a rare treat. Let it be well patronized, and thus encourage a purpose to make these season lectures a permanent fixture with us.

Verna Haber and his sister Oma of the city spent Sunday here with old friends.

What could be more appropriate this time of year than a Martha Washington festival? Accordingly, our Presbyterian ladies ventured on this new departure and realized a substantial sum of money out of their effort. Without giving details will say the menu was somewhat

out of the ordinary. That is the way to do things. Get out of the ruts!

Nora Miller went to a hospital at Columbus to undergo an operation to relieve her of a catarrhal affection of the head. Have been advised that the operation was performed successfully and that recovery is hopeful.

Rev. Deal and wife returned home last Friday evening from a visit with their children.

Mrs. Anna Oda and little son, of near Union City, spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Alice Myers, returning home today.

Cloverdale dairy closed business last Friday because of its proprietor quitting farming. This will be quite a loss and inconvenience to the many patrons, as no successor appears in its stead. I opine this is a business that would well pay some one to engage in. Who will it be?

I. B. Miller spent Sunday at Dayton visiting a sister who is in failing health.

A good many changes are taking place moving from farm to farm and forming new relations of landlord and tenant.

Feb. 25.

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Universalist Church, Sunday, March 3.

Rev. Martha Jones will preach at 10:30 a.m. on "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord," and at 7 p.m. on "This one thing I do." Sunday school at 9:15.

The special series of meetings continues every night this week, excepting Saturday, and the growing interest indicates that the church will enter upon a very successful year.

Particular attention is called to the meeting on Saturday afternoon, March 2, at 2:30 o'clock. The attendance last week justified the venture and added to our conviction that many of the people who are thronging the city on Saturday would be interested and helped by devoting a half hour to some important topic. We renew the invitation to all. Come and hear "The Meaning of Salvation" by Rev. Martha Jones.

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